

**Town of Sunset Beach
Monthly Council Work Session
June 21, 2011**

MINUTES

Members Present: Mayor Ronald Klein, Mayor Pro-Tem Lou DeVita, Councilman Bob Bobinski, Councilwoman Karen Joseph, Councilwoman Carol Scott, and Councilman Wilson Sherrill.

Members absent: None

Attorney & Staff Present: Gary Parker, Town Administrator; Donna Rogers, Finance Director; Dustin Graham, Public Works Department Director; Chris Barbee, Fire Chief; Lisa Massey, Police Chief; Sandy Wood, Chief Building Inspector and Lisa Anglin, Town Clerk.

Gary Parker advised the Council that the 26th Annual Breakaway to the Beach - Multiple Sclerosis Society Bike Ride is scheduled for September 24th and 25th with the ride finishing at Sunset Beach as last year. Gary Parker advised that police assistance might be needed this year to aid with bridge crossing.

Public Comments – Agenda Items Only

Bill Timmons 902 West Main Street – Advised Council that people parking along Main Street are getting their cars stuck in the sand due to the absence of the grassy area that was removed by the sewer contractors; Advised Council that he is pleased with their decisions concerning the parking but requested an information flyer be giving out to help educate the visitors and residents.

Herb Tinger 711 Oyster Bay Drive – Spoke in opposition of the Council considering a Parking Permit System for the island owners to utilize in rare or special occasions that would allow parking in the right of way.

Rich Cerrato 517 Twisted Oak Lane – Spoke in opposition of salary increases, COLA and employer paid medical benefits.

Mac Nelson 401 30th Street – Asked if the vacant lot letters have been mailed and when the Council will consider the Parking Committee Recommendations that were postponed.

Charlie Nern 647 Oyster Bay Drive – Spoke in opposition of the Council considering a Parking Permit System for the island owners to utilize in rare or special occasions that would allow parking in the right of way.

Solar Compactor Demonstration & Discussion

Mayor Pro-Tem Devita advised that the representative is unable to attend the work session; this item will be moved to the July Work Session Agenda.

Roll Back of Garbage Carts Discussion

The Council reviewed the proposed letter to be mailed to the Island property owners concerning the discontinuation of the service of rolling back garbage carts to island properties. The letter includes alternative solutions for the property owners and informs them of the warning period (10/1/11 – 12/31/11) prior to a citation (\$50 per incident) being issued. Councilwoman Scott and Mayor Pro-Tem DeVita will re-word a few sections of the letter. The Council reached a consensus to add the approval of the letter to the June 27, 2011 agenda. The hours of operation for the Brunswick County Convenient Site located on Highway 904 will be added to the website.

Annual Report & Communication Plan Discussion

Annual Report

The Council reviewed a sample Annual Report and discussed information that could be provided such as the year in review and upcoming events or projects. The Council reviewed the proposal received from Coastal Printing totaling \$2,821.91 and Lisa Anglin advised that Printing by Design has submitted a quote of \$3,017.91 which includes glossy text; they will be contacted to re-quote without glossy text. The Council reached a consensus to proceed with a 4 page Annual Report.

Public Computer

Donna Rogers advised that a public computer could be placed in the lobby area at a cost of \$200 - \$300. The Council reached a consensus to proceed with placing a public computer in the lobby.

Town Hall Meetings

The Council discussed holding annual Town Hall meetings with residents from the communities within the Town limits. The suggestion was made to combine smaller communities into one meeting. Meeting locations and facilities were discussed, Councilwoman Joseph will contact Sandpiper Bay, Mayor Pro-Tem DeVita – Sea Trail and Councilman Sherrill – Seaside. The Council reached a consensus to hold the Town Hall Meetings in February.

Sewer Vent Pipes “Candy Canes” Ordinance/Policy Discussion

The Council reviewed vent pipe pictures taken of other areas to determine the desired placement. Sandy Wood and the Council discussed FEMA and state regulations. The Council reached a consensus to require the vent pipe placement to be attached to a structure piling within building code. A draft ordinance will be prepared and presented for further discussion at the July 19, 2011 Work Session.

Proposed Budget FY12 Discussion

COUNCILWOMAN SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO NEGATE THE 2% COLA INCREASE PASSED BY COUNCIL DURING THE JUNE 13, 2011 BUDGET WORK SESSION AND TO REVIEW THE ISSUE OF MERIT VS. COLA. COUNCILMAN BOBINSKI SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR KLEIN CALLED FOR A VOTE. COUNCILWOMAN SCOTT AND COUNCILMAN BOBINSKI VOTED YES. MAYOR PRO-TEM DEVITA, COUNCILWOMAN JOSEPH AND COUNCILMAN SHERRILL VOTED NO. THE MOTION DID NOT PASS.

Work Session preceding Regular Meeting Discussion

The Council reached a consensus to continue the monthly 6:45 pm Work Session preceding the 7:00 pm Regular Meeting.

Department Reports Delay Discussion

Gary Parker advised that the monthly departmental reports provided in the packets reflect only a portion of the month due to the distribution timing of the packets. In order for the Council to receive departmental reports that reflect the activity for a complete month, the Department Heads are proposing to provide reports to the Council on a month delay basis. The Council reached a consensus to accept departmental reports on a month delay basis.

Councilman Sherrill proposed an agenda change to utilize a consent agenda which could dispense of several items of business with one motion. Consent agenda items would include previous and special meeting minutes, departmental reports and disposition of directives. The Council reached a consensus to include a consent agenda within the August 1, 2011 meeting agenda.

Parking Permit System Discussion

COUNCILWOMAN SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO DELETE THE PARKING PERMIT SYSTEM DISCUSSION FROM THIS AGENDA AND TO ADD IT TO THE SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER WORK SESSION AGENDA. COUNCILMAN BOBINSKI SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR KLEIN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Public Comments

Rich Cerrato 517 Twisted Oak Lane – Spoke in opposition of the 2% COLA increase and the mailing of an annual report.

Norman Cole 404 29th Street – Questioned the Roll Cart Ordinance and what the Ordinance means by out of sight.

Adjournment

MAYOR PRO-TEM DEVITA MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE JUNE 21, 2011 WORK SESSION. COUNCILMAN SHERRILL SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR KLEIN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Town of Sunset Beach

Ronald F. Klein, Mayor

Submitted by:

Lisa Anglin, Town Clerk